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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: AMB. VOLKER'S MEETING WITH RUSSIAN  
AMBASSADOR

Classified By: Ambassador Kurt Volker for reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

11. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

12. (SBU) Russian Ambassador Dmitri Rogozin has requested a meeting with Ambassador Volker on January 30. The Russian mission to NATO tells us that Rogozin wants to quickly build upon the positive spirit of the January 26 NATO-Russia Council (NRC) informal meeting to advance NRC re-engagement. In past meetings, the frenetic Rogozin has attempted to raise the full range of security issues.

13. (SBU) Post requests guidance for the Ambassador's January 30 meeting. While the Ambassador will draw from the guidance provided for the January 26 NRC informal ambassadorial meeting, we seek any additional input/guidance on what Washington would like Ambassador Volker to discuss privately with Rogozin. Possible topics include:

- Resumption of NRC military cooperation;
- NATO-Russia cooperation on Afghanistan, including supply issues;
- Russian diplomatic and economic pressure on Kyrgyzstan to not renew the Manas Air Base;
- Potential cooperation on piracy;
- Russian plan for a naval base in Abkhazia;
- Deployment (or not) of Iskunder missiles in Kaliningrad;
- Full access for OSCE monitors to South Ossetia and Abkhazia;
- Energy security;
- Possible cooperation on Arctic issues in the NRC;
- NRC cooperative airspace initiative.

In addition, we anticipate that Rogozin will press us to return to "business-as-usual" in the NRC.

14. (S/NF) Post recommends that we not directly discuss the

pace of the NRC re-engagement with Russia as this should be a discussion pre-coordinated with Allies before engaging Russia. At the same time, we would like to use the meeting to let Rogozin know that we continue to support the "measured and phased" approach at the December 2 Foreign Ministerial decision, based on actual cooperation on relevant issues, such as those noted above.

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